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LEFTON IRON & METAL COMPANY

July 19, 2000

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Messrs. Mike McAteer (SR-6J)
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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Blvd.
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Re: Lefton Iron & Metal Company
Special Notice of Liability, Sauget Area 2 Site

Gentlemen and Lady:

I am the President of Lefton Iron & Metal Company ("Lefton"), which has received EPA's Special Notice of Liability, dated June 23, 2000, with respect to the Sauget Area 2 Site.

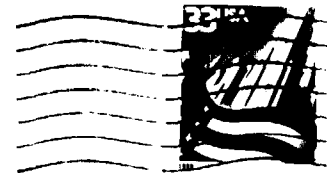
Please be advised that the assets of Lefton Iron & Metal Company have been placed in receivership by order of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, in the case of *Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation v. Lefton Iron and Metal Company*, No. 90-3551WLB. Though I personally am not aware that Lefton ever sent waste to the Sauget Area 2 Site, under ordinary circumstances Lefton would be willing to participate in discussions with EPA and/or other PRPs for the purpose of determining Lefton's appropriate contribution, if any, to the Sauget Area 2 Site remediation costs. Lefton's current financial situation, however, makes it unlikely that Lefton will be able to assist in performing or financing the activities described in EPA's Special Notice letter.

Very truly yours,

LEFTON IRON & METAL COMPANY

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